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Warsaw, January 10.

THe neceſſary preparation is making here for the meeting of the Dyet, which, it's thought, will not be able to aſſemble at the day appointed, for that the abundance of Snow, which has lately fallen, makes the wayes almoſt unpaſſable for the Deputies that are to come hither. From *Lcopol* they write, that the 23 paſt their Majeſties returned to *Zolkiew*, with intention to paſs the Chriſtmas Holydayes there, and then to begin their journey hither. Several of the Provincial Dyets having been broken up, by reaſon of ſome difference between the Nobility, without coming to any reſolution; the King, at the inſtance of the ſaid Nobility, has cauſed new Letters to be diſpatched, authorizing them to renew the ſaid Provincial Dyets, in order to their taking ſuch reſolution as the ſafety and good of the Kingdom at preſent demands. Here has been of late ſome diſcourſe as if there was no very good underſtanding between the *Moſcovites* and this Kingdom, and that it was very probable a War might enſue; which though we cannot give any credit to, conſidering the preſent poſture of affairs, yet we are confidently informed, that the *Moſcovites* not only refuſe to reſtore to us *Kiovia*, which they ought to have done ſeveral years ſince, by vertue of the laſt Treaty concluded between the two Nations, but have of late committed ſeveral Hoſtilities in the *Ukraine*, and pretend to all that part of it which lies on the other ſide of the *Boriſtenes*, as appertaining to the Palatinate of *Kiovia*. We are informed that the Emperor is ſending an Ambaſſador hither, to be preſent at the Dyet, and that his Imperial Majeſty had deſigned the Marquis *de Grana* for this employment, but he excuſed himſelf of it.

Milan, Jan. 13. At *Genoua* are eight *Spaniſh* Men of War, deſigned for *Sicily*, under the command of Lieutenant General *Mazziotti*, who has ſent to our Governor the Prince *de Ligne*, to pray he may be ſupplied with 3000 men from hence, having orders, as he ſayes, from the Court of *Spain*, to demand the ſaid number, and to tranſport them to *Melazzo*. Our Governor is endeavouring all he can to comply therewith, and the rather, for that the laſt Ordinary from *Spain*, brought his Excellency Orders to the ſame effect, and a particular command that the *Burgundian* Regiment and five Companies of Count *Trotti*'s Regiment of *Germans*, ſhould make part of thoſe Troops that ſhould be ſent for *Sicily*.

Madrid, Jan. 15. We were ſomewhat ſurprized, when we underſtood this morning that the King was retired to his Palace of *Buen Retiro*, the Duke *de Medina Celi* and other Grandees having about midnight, unknown to the Queen, conducted his Majeſty thither, of which an Expreſs has been ſent to give *Don Juan* an account, and to pray him to haſten his journey hither. We have juſt now advice, that to morrow his Highneſs will arrive at *Pinto*, and that on Monday the 18 he will make his Entry into this City. We are told that the King has given Orders for the arreſting the Marquis *de Villa Sierra*, who is at preſent in the Eſcurial, and that the Queen will retire into a Monaſtery.

A Copy of the King's Letter to his Highneſs *Don Juan* of *Auſtria*.

DON Juan of Auſtria, *my Brother, of the Council of State, Governor and Captain General of the* Netherlands, *and Governor General of our Sea Armada's. The Affairs of this Monarchy being at preſent in ſuch a condition, that I find my ſelf obliged to uſe all means to ſet them right again; and finding that you are ſo much concerned therein, and that I muſt truſt moſt of my reſolutions to you, I have reſolved to command you that without any delay you repair hither, to aſſiſt me in ſo important a Work, which I promiſe my ſelf from that zeal, which you have for the good of my Crown: Our Lord preſerve you, as I wiſh.*

Madrid, 27 December 1676. I the King.

By the Command of the King our Lord.

Don Hieronimo de Eguia.

Don Juan's *Letter to the King, in Anſwer to his Majeſties to him.*

I Received in the night your Majeſties Royal Letter of the 27 paſt, which occaſioned in my mind two different commotions, (both ariſing from that great inclination and affection, which I have for the Royal perſon and dignity of your Majeſty) the one of grief and trouble; for your Mijeſty having pleaſed to make known to me the ſtate of the Affairs of this Monarchy, it did pierce my heart, as being what we altogether moſt lament, to underſtand the ſame from your Majeſties own hands (which is a mark of the pain it gives your Majeſty) as for me, I ſhall count it a great happineſs, if with the expence of my blood, I can give your Majeſty any eaſe; the other of acknowledgment of, and confuſion, at the great honour which your Majeſty does me, in being pleaſed to make uſe of my zeal in ſo weighty an affair, near your Majeſties feet, notwithſtanding the certain proofs I have given of the weakneſs of my ſhoulders, which although they are too feeble to bear the leaſt part of ſo heavy a burthen, yet are they very ſtrong and able to make an humble repreſentation to your Majeſty, of what I ſhall judge moſt conducing to your Majeſties welfare and glory. And while I was incited in this matter as well by my own inclination, as that of ſeveral other great Perſonages, and your Majeſties truly faithful Subjects, I was conſulting with my ſelf, what I ought to do, when I received your Majeſties commands, in order to my coming to Court, to the end your Majeſty might underſtand the ſame from me, and from them. And what I can at preſent ſay to your Majeſty is, that I reſolve (God willing) to begin my journey to morrow, which I will haſten as much, as the good of your Majeſties affairs requires, and as ſhall be poſſible for me to do, not doubting but your Majeſty is ſufficiently aſſured of my fidelity to your ſervice; and that I will ſooner part with my life, than make one ſtep, or do one action, which is not altogether to the honour of Almighty God, to the ſervice of the World, and the welfare of your Majeſties Crowns.

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